

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for fabricating a counter electrode for a dye-sensitized solar cell, the method comprising:

co-sputtering platinum and a metal oxide as target materials onto a substrate; [[and]]

forming a counter electrode including nanocrystalline platinum and an amorphous metal oxide on the substrate, wherein the counter electrode has a non-layered structure; and

contacting the counter electrode with a light-absorbing dye.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide has a refractive index of 2 or higher.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide is selected from oxides of titanium, chromium, zinc, copper, ruthenium, vanadium, tin and indium.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide has an electric conductivity of at least 0.1 S/m.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide comprises a metal having an ~~has an~~ open structure.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[6]]~~5, wherein the metal oxide is selected from oxides of tantalum, silicon, and aluminum.
- 8-14. (Canceled)